

WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
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Mr. Thomas H. Beck
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Dear Mr. Beck:

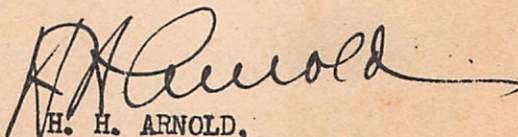
I understand that you are undertaking a major role in plans for development of the Civil Air Patrol program for interesting young people in aviation and providing elementary training in that field. The citizens of Civil Air Patrol have performed outstanding wartime service and the progress which they have already made in this program establishes its great potentialities for advancing the interests of our Country, both now and after the war is won.

I am more than glad to know that men like yourself are taking an active interest in this movement. The welfare of our Country requires an aviation-minded generation and certainly early interest and training in aviation matters cannot fail to promote the welfare of our young people. Your wide experience, your capacity for leadership and your long and active participation in aviation affairs fit you ideally for outstanding service in this new activity.

May every success attend your efforts. The Army Air Forces stand ready to lend you all proper assistance.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am

Sincerely,



H. H. ARNOLD,
General, U. S. Army,
Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

